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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 4/24/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7, 10 and 12-21.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The amendment filed on April 24, 2006, has been entered and acknowledged by the Examiner.

Claims 7, 10, and 12-21 are pending in the instant application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7, 10, and 12-21 allowed.

Regarding independent claim 7, the references of the Prior Art of record fail to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 7, and specifically comprising the limitation wherein a metal partition wall for a plasma display panel has an insulation layer covering an external surface and a groove portion formed in either the front face or back face has a dielectric fitted into it and another groove is formed on the other face of a front face or a back face which the groove portion is not formed in.

Regarding independent claim 10, the references of the Prior Art of record fail to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 10, and specifically comprising the limitation wherein a metal partition wall for a plasma display panel has an insulation layer covering an external surface and a groove portion which does not pass through the partition from the front to the rear face is formed in either the front face or the back face.

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Regarding claims 12-18, claims 12-18 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 10 because of their dependency status from claim 10.

Regarding independent claim 19, the references of the Prior Art of record fail to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 19, and specifically comprising the limitation wherein a metal partition wall for a plasma display panel is provided between two substrates has an insulation layer covering an external surface and a groove portion which does not pass through the partition from the front to the rear face is formed in either the front face or the back face.

Regarding claims 20-21, claims 20-21 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 19 because of their dependency status from claim 19.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anne M. Hines whose telephone number is (571) 272-2285. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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